PROTECTION

support to the Five-Year Plan and to canalise public enthusiasm for drawing forth local initiative and resources for small works of local utility. Road and drainage works, construction of school and dispensary buildings, community halls, well works, etc., numbering 345 were sanctioned at a cost of Rs. 5,39,280. Of these, 162 works were taken up for execution and an outlay of Rs. 1,05,022 was incurred during the year.

(x) Amelioration of the condition of the Depressed Classes.

197. During the year, a separate Department with a Commissioner as the head was organised for looking after the work of amelioration of Depressed Classes. In addition to the expenditure on the establishment of the Department, a sum of Rs. 19 lakhs was sanctioned for the formation of extensions and assistance for the construction of houses by the Depressed Classes. Out of this, a sum of Rs. 4,00,000 was diverted for providing Educational facilities, such as construction of hostels and grant of scholarships to students undergoing training in technical Institutions, and also for grant of loans to the members of the Depressed Classes for improvement of agriculture, cottage industries, etc. The construction of four hostel buildings at Kolar, Mysore, Tumkur and Nanjangud was sanctioned and the work on the buildings at Kolar and Tumkur was started. A sum of Rs. 1,88,736 was granted as loans to members of the Depressed Classes to assist them in agriculture, cottage industries and animal husbandry occupations.

198. Out of the allotment of Rs. 15 lakhs for housing, a sum of Rs. 14,51,208 (Rs. 18,15,516) was spent. During the year, 206 (215) cases of land acquisition for extensions for Depressed Classes were sanctioned and 4,814 (5,320) houses were constructed with the help of Government subventions. One *Bhajana Mandir* was completed in Hassan district and two are under construction in the same district. A total extent of 10,877 (11,550 acres and 5 guntas) acres of land was granted to 1,237 Depressed Class applicants in the State. One residential agricultural colony for the Adikarnatakas was sanctioned at Hangaladahosalli in Gundlupet Taluk during the year and work is under way for the formation of the same.

PROTEC-TION

199. A scheme for the uplift of the Scheduled Tribes in the State was taken up with a grant-in-aid from the Government of India. Three agricultural colonies were started at Budipadaga, Penjahalli and Maddur and schools and hostels were started at the first two places. One health centre was opened at Nisna near Penjahalli, Heggadadevanakote Taluk, and a mobile dispensary, with a jeep, was also organised at the place.

200. Schemes for the removal of untouchability and the welfare of ex-criminal tribes were also taken up with Central assistance and started after obtaining the approval of the Government of India. Under the first, assistance was granted for the construction of houses; wells were sunk, Harijan Day and other items of propaganda were arranged; and grants were also given to members of the Scheduled Castes for engaging themselves in lucrative occupations. The expenditure incurred during the year was Rs. 2,64,993. Under the second, the members of the ex-criminal tribes (*Vimuktha Jatis*) as they are now called were given assistance to put up houses and to engage in agricultural occupations, in sheep farming and in cottage industries. The expenditure incurred was Rs. 55,714.

(xi) Bangalore City Improvement Trust Board

201. Eighteen meetings were held during the year and 547 subjects were dealt with by the Board.

202. The outlay on A and B blocks of Jayanagar Extension during the year was Rs. 17,55,896 and the total outlay was Rs. 68,56,387. The realisation during the year by sale of sites was Rs. 4,13,110 and the total realisation at the end of the year was Rs. 18,26,144.

203. The total outlay for Sunkenahalli Extension till the end of the year was Rs. 1,86,355 and the total realisation was Rs. 1,12,574.

204. The total outlay in the Wilson Garden Extension at the end of the year was Rs. 67,489 and the total realisation was Rs. 2,26,321.

205. The total outlay in Kumarapark Extension at the end of the year was Rs. 6,63,403 and the total realisation was Rs. 7,41,485.